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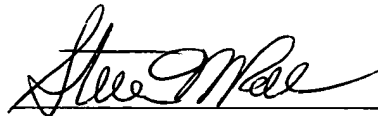
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**PROPOSED INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

**PARTICULARS**

(1) Japanese Patent Laid-Open (KOKAI) No. 2001-242701  
Date of Publication: September 7, 2001  
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**EXPLANATION**

(1) An English abstract of the document is enclosed.